

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-30 have been rejected. Claims 1-15 have been canceled. Claims 16, 21 and 26 have been amended to correct a grammatical error. Accordingly, claims 16-30 remain pending in the present application. For the reasons set forth fully below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are allowable. Consequently, reconsideration, allowance, and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Double Patenting

The Examiner states,

2. Claims 1-30 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of copending Application No. 09/990,084. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because they recite means or steps that are substantially the same and that would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

3. Claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21 and 26 essentially repeat most of the features listed in claims 1, 7, 13 and 20 of the copending Application No. 10/080,899, claims 1, 4, 12 and 15 of copending Application No. 09/990,084. With the exception of the trivial difference of one saying an operating system and the other saying a BIOS system.

4. Claims 2-5 and 17-20 of the instant application are identical to claims 3-6 of the copending application No. 09/990,084.

5. Claims 7-10 and 22-25 of the instant application are identical to claims 9-12 of the copending application No. 09/990,084.

6. Claims 12-15 and 26-30 of the instant application are identical to claims 15-18 of the copending application No. 09/990,084.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant's invention in this application is diverted to configuring an operating system. Application 09/990,084 is directed to configuring the language of a computer system. As to claims 16-30, these elements are significantly different from and

distinct from those elements claimed in the copending application. Applicant submits therefore this application should not be subject to a double patenting rejection. However, since the applications were filed on the same date, if Examiner does not agree with this response, Applicant will file a terminal disclosure upon allowance of the application.

Present Invention

A method and system for configuring an operating system in a computer system is disclosed. The method and system comprises providing a language-independent operating system image and a plurality of language files in the computer system; and determining a language supported by the computer system. The method and system further includes associating the language supported by the computer system with the language-independent operating system image utilizing one of the language files.

35 USC §102 Rejections

The Examiner states:

8. Claims 1-2, 6-7, 11-12, 16-17, 21-22 and 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kim, U.S. Pat. No. 6,014,616.

9. Claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21 and 26, Kim teaches a method for configuring an operating system in a computer system [title, abstract], the method comprising the steps of:

a. providing a plurality of operating system images in the computer system, each of the plurality of operating system images being based upon a particular language [abstract, col. 2, line 56 thru col. 3, line 13, col. 5, lines 26-40];

b. selecting one of the plurality of operating system images based on the language supported by the computer system [abstract, col. 2, line 56 thru col. 3, line 13, col. 5, lines 26-40];

c. utilizing the selected operating system image by the computer system [Fig. 3, col. 4, line 19 thru col. 5, line 13].

10. Claims 2, 7, 12, 17, 22 and 27, Kim teaches querying a keyboard of the computer system to determine the language being supported by the computer system [abstract, col. 2, line 56 thru col. 3, line 13, Fig. 3, col. 4, lines 19-67].

35 USC 103 Rejections

The Examiner states:

12. Claim 3-5, 8-10, 13-15, 18-20, 23-25 and 28-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim, US Pat. No. 6,014,616.

13. Claims 3, 8, 13, 18, 23 and 28, Kim fails to teach the keyboard comprises a universal serial bus (USB) keyboard.

Official notice is taken that both the concept and the advantages of USB keyboards are old and well known in the art.

It would have been obvious to any one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Kim to include a USB keyboard, because the USB has the advantages of a lower cost, supporting a plurality of transmission protocols, more connections and occupying less system resources.

14. Claims 4, 9, 14, 19, 24 and 29, Kim teaches the keyboard comprises at least one report descriptor wherein the at least one report descriptor comprises a language supported by the computer system [abstract, col. 2, line 56 thru col. 3, line 13, Fig. 2, col. 4, lines 19-67].

15. Claims 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30, Kim teaches the querying the at least one report descriptor to determine the language supported by the keyboard [abstract, col. 2, line 56 thru col. 3, line 13, Fig. 2, col. 4, lines 19-67].

Applicant respectfully disagrees. Kim is directed to an operating system which is capable of interfacing with users in a number of languages. Accordingly, Kim discloses in the abstract:

“A method for monitoring the language used by an operating system to communicate with a user via a display device. Two compatible types of operating systems are those that use a WINDOWS 3.1 operating system format and a WINDOWS 95 operating system format. The cursor in the character input area of the display device has a different color depending on the language being used by the operating system. Contained in this window is a language conversion button that has a language indicating symbol positioned on it. The color of the symbol matches the color of the cursor. When the button is selected using a mouse or a shortcut key, the operating system switches the linguistic characters generated by signals from the keyboard to that of a different language. Thus, a user does not have to check the language interface window to determine which linguistic character generating mode the operating system is in. This greatly reduces mistakes and increases the efficiency of document production.”

Applicant submits that Kim nowhere teaches or suggests providing a language independent operating system image and a plurality of language files as recited in claims 16, 21 and 26. Further the reference neither teaches or suggests associating the language supported by the computer system with the language independent operating system image utilizing one of the

language files. Accordingly, submits that these claims are neither taught nor suggested by the reference. Furthermore, claims 17-20, 22025 and 27-30 are allowable since they depend from allowable base claims.

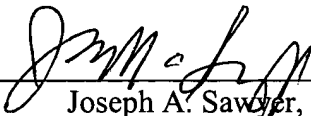
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 16-30 as now presented.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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